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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, September 23, 2004

Members Present

Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross
Billick, Sgt. Gary – Law Enforcement Agencies
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Fulton, Sonja – Healthcare Assoc. S.D./Imperial Co.
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Kramer, R.N., Janie – Second District
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri
Murrin, R.N., Patti
Vilke, M.D., Gary

Vacant

Emergency Physicians' Society
First District
Military Agencies

Members Absent

Adams, Chief Gary – S.D. Fire Chiefs' Association
Benitez, Eustacio – Binational EMCC
Berthiaume, R.N., Shelley – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Griffiths, Jack – Third District
Simmons, M.D., Charles – S.D. Co. Medical Society

Guests Present

Brown, R.N., Lana – UCSD/American Medical Response
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD EMS Fellow
Marcano, Hector – Priority One Ambulance
Smith, Dennis – American Medical Response
Van Bibber, Megan – Priority One Ambulance
Welsh, R.N., June – American Red Cross

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janie Kramer, R.N., Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Roger Fisher, Seconded by Travis Beeson, to approve the Minutes of June 24, 2004 as submitted. MOTION carried. Two abstentions: Chief Darrell Jobes and Janie Kramer, R.N., not in attendance at last meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS FOR ACTION

A. Disaster/Operations and Planning

Did not meet. It was requested that County staff update the EMCC at the next meeting regarding the following issues: West Nile Virus, HRSA grant funds, Results of Firestorms meetings with Jim Dunford, M.D., City of San Diego, and the Health Services Capacity Task Force (flu season plans). **ACTION: Chief Jobes and Jeri Bonesteele, R.N., will meet and discuss plans for a future meeting and/or update of information.**

B. Prehospital/Hospital

The subcommittee met September 9, 2004 and reviewed policy P-806, regarding the ALS Inventory. Minor revisions were suggested and the policy will return to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital once again for final review.

C. Education/Research

Did not meet.

D. Base Hospital Physicians' Committee

Gary Vilke, M.D., County EMS, reported on the following subjects:

- Data is being collected on which hospitals in San Diego County can perform emergency cardiac angioplasty. Eventually all paramedic units will have Twelve Lead EKG capability.
- Three patients have been enrolled and did quite well in the Polyheme trial. Dave Hoyt, UCSD, received a grant representing San Diego County as one of ten resuscitation centers in the nation and Canada to be sponsored by the National Institute of Health (NIH) and funded to do research for prehospital care, focusing on cardiac and trauma resuscitation.
- The EMS Games were held on Friday, September 10, 2004 at Coronado's Silver Strand Beach area and were a great success.

- EMDAC (Emergency Medical Director's Association of California) and the EMS Commission met on Wednesday, September 22, 2004.
- Patients continue to be transported to their requested facilities at a higher rate and hospitals are not being bypassed as often compared with two years ago.

E. Executive Committee

Did not meet.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Sunset Review (Motion needed to approve)

MOTION made by Roger Fisher, Seconded by Chief Darrell Jobes, to approve the 2004 Sunset Review report for the EMCC. MOTION carried. The report will now be forwarded on to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office.

VII. **STAFF/AGENCY REPORT** (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

- EMDAC has a panel appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to review performance outcomes, review costs and streamline government, including the EMS Authority and their role and what umbrella they're going to be under in the future. There is discussion that the EMS Authority would be moved under Disaster Preparedness, however EMDAC and EMSAAC (Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California) both favor the EMS Authority remaining under the Health and Human Services umbrella.
- Meetings on the EMS Five Year Plan resumed a week ago. Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS, is the lead person from the County at this time.
- Stroke Centers was discussed at the EMDAC meeting. Approximately one year and-a-half ago, a survey was done of all the hospitals in San Diego County to assess stroke treatment capabilities. Recommendations regarding primary stroke centers is similar to San Diego County's current operations.
- New regulations go into effect on October 10, 2004 regarding continuing education, quality improvement, and EMT's.
- Assembly Bill 1655 was recently approved and passed. This bill gives the EMS Authority power to fine paramedics.
- Assembly Bill 1898 was an attempt to add another member to the EMS Commission but the Governor said it's unclear yet what will happen with the group, and thus vetoed the bill.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Roger Fisher, Seconded by Chief Darrell Jobes, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION carried.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS

